Appointment of Consultants to value and sell surplus Land of NTC

5232. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTC has appointed property consultants to value and sell surplus land in its possession;

(b) if so, the details of the consultants appointed and under what terms and conditions;

(c) whether the consultants have been asked to submit their reports within some specific period;

(d) if so, the, details thereof; and

(e) the plans of Government to invest the money likely to get from the sale of surplus lands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, NTC has appointed 5 Property Consultants namely (i) Jones Lang Lasalle, New Delhi (ii) Chesterton Megh Raj New Delhi. (iii) ICICI Home Finance, Mumbai. (iv) Sallmanns India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. (v) Knight Frank New Delhi to assist in valuation and sale of its properties.

The Consultant Firms would need to complete valuation and also assist in finding prospective buyers for the property, on completion of which they would be paid 0.31% of the sale value of the land.

(c) and (d) The Consultants were asked to submit their initial reports by 30th April, 2002. Some reports have been received.

(e) Resources from sale of land would be used for implementing the rehabilitation schemes approved by BIFR consisting of payment of VRS/statutory dues to workers and modernisation of mills.

Promotion and Development of Handicrafts In Rajasthan

5233. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicraft units presently functioning in different parts of Rajasthan and number of workers engaged therein; and

(b) the scheme/incentive being given by Government for the promotion and development of handicrafts in Rajasthan?